

■ 67th A.A. General Service Conference Convenes

In the late 1940s, Bill W. came to believe that the survival of A.A. depended on involving groups more directly with the Alcoholic Foundation, which had been formally implemented in 1938 to guide the affairs of A.A. The Foundation, as it was known then, had fifteen trustees (eight nonalcoholic and seven alcoholic), but had little connection to actual A.A. groups except through Bill and Dr. Bob (who was ill at that time with the cancer that would take his life in 1950). In order to close what he called this “gap of remoteness,” Bill proposed that groups elect regional representatives to attend a yearly “General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous” to discuss issues of importance to A.A. with the trustees and the staffs of the A.A. Headquarters office and Grapevine, and then make a “joint annual report to the Groups.”

Predictably, most of the trustees were against such a plan; they feared that a crowd of alcoholics gathering from the hinterlands would interfere with what one trustee wrote to Bill was the “degree of isolation [needed] in dealing with the necessary ‘housekeeping,’ legal, and financial affairs of the A.A. headquarters.” At first reluctant, Dr. Bob gave his blessing to the Conference plan and, with the help of nonalcoholic Class A trustee Bernard Smith, the first General Service Conference was finally held in New York over three days in April 1951, with 37 delegates from the United States and Canada. What Bill called the “politics and uproar” of whether to hold the Conference was ultimately well worth it — albeit at the cost of three trustees who resigned over the issue (one of whom subsequently returned to the Board, ultimately in support of the plan). And so, after four years of trial meetings, the annual General Service Conference became a permanent part of the life of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1955, with the Alcoholic Foundation renamed the General Service Board.

Fast forward to April 23, 2017 — at the Hilton Westchester Hotel in Rye Brook, New York, where 133 voting members constituting the 67th General Service Conference assembled from all parts of A.A.’s eight service regions across the United States and Canada, serving as “the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society” (Concept II, *The A.A. Service Manual/ Twelve Concepts for World Service*).

Comprised of 93 delegates, 25 trustees and corporate directors from A.A.W.S. and Grapevine, along with 15 General Service Office, Grapevine and La Viña staff members, the 2017 General Service Conference took up



a number of questions of interest to the Fellowship as a whole, launching a week’s worth of discussion and debate in pursuit of A.A.’s primary purpose. With the theme “Supporting Our Future,” the Conference extended from Sunday, April 23 to Saturday, April 29, 2017.

Of the delegates representing the 93 areas in the U.S. and Canada, the average age was 59, with the oldest delegate being 75 and the youngest 37. The average length of sobriety for delegates was 23 years, with the longest being 51 years and the shortest being 10. And in terms of length of service, the longest was 50 years and the shortest was eight.

Following a warm welcome by Terry Bedient, Class A (nonalcoholic) chairperson of the General Service Board, the official roll call by G.S.O.’s general manager Greg T., and a greeting from Bob M. of South Dakota, delegate chair of the Conference, the Conference Keynote address was given by Bill N., general service trustee. “The theme of this year’s Conference is ‘Supporting Our Future,’” said Bill, “and for me there is only one way we can support the future of Alcoholics Anonymous: that is by embracing our great Twelve Traditions.

“I say ‘embrace,’” Bill continued, “because enforcement has never worked in Alcoholics Anonymous; it is only when newcomers see those who came before them embracing the Traditions that they will want to embrace them, too. And I am speaking of embracing all Twelve Traditions, not picking and choosing which ones are convenient... We don’t embrace them out of fear but rather out of love for Alcoholics Anonymous, the only thing that has worked to arrest our alcoholism.”

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Conference week is long, often arduous, but ultimately rewarding — filled with board and committee reports, presentations and discussions, area service highlights, sharing sessions and committee meetings. The main focus of each Conference though, is on the deliberations of each of the 13 Conference committees, and it is during the committee meetings that the major work of the Conference is done. Once again, this year, after a joint meeting with each corresponding trustees' committee, the Conference committees reviewed material and background information, weighed and discussed various issues, and developed recommendations, many of which resulted in Conference Advisory Actions.

Sunday evening, the Opening Dinner was followed by an open A.A. meeting, chaired by Barry S., Idaho, chairperson of the Conference Agenda Committee; the leader was Jim S., South Carolina. Speakers were Dave H., Northwest Texas; Carole B., A.A. Grapevine director; Rich P., Northeast regional trustee; Jeff W., G.S.O. staff; and Reilly K., Oregon.

At the Delegates Only meeting Tuesday evening, Ben B., Oklahoma, was selected as the delegate chair for the 68th Conference; Joann L., Petaluma, California, will be alternate chair. On Wednesday, trustee elections were held, and, following our Third Legacy A.A. procedure, three incoming trustees were selected — with all three names coming out of the hat following a series of five ballots in which no candidate gained a two-thirds majority. Mark E., of Lebanon, Ohio, was selected as East Central regional trustee; Cathy B. of Morgantown, West Virginia, was selected as Southeast regional trustee; and Newton P., of Cary, North Carolina, was selected as trustee-at-large/U.S.

Often negotiating through seemingly impossible parliamentary and procedural ins and outs to arrive at the group conscience, the Conference worked its way through agenda items, slowly and carefully articulating a path forward for the Fellowship on matters of considerable interest, spanning questions of how and when to best utilize technology to help carry the A.A. message, questions of

inclusion and acceptance within the Fellowship, and questions of how best to continue supporting the Fellowship, engaging all our Traditions. A selection of Conference Advisory Actions appears on the following pages in condensed form, along with a sampling of additional considerations taken up by different Conference committees.

With discussion and voting on committee agendas and floor actions finally complete, the 2017 General Service Conference then officially closed with the Serenity Prayer, led by Laura H. (English), Richard B. (French) and Gilberto V. (Spanish). And finally, at the closing brunch on Saturday morning, rotating trustees gave their farewell talks: Bill F., East Central regional trustee; Bill N., general service trustee; Chet P., Southeast regional trustee; and Bob W., trustee-at-large/U.S. Unfortunately, Terry Bedient, rotating Class A trustee and chairperson of the General Service Board, who has served the Fellowship as a trustee since 2008, was unable to attend the closing brunch due to illness. He was held in the thoughts of all present with a grateful moment of silence.

While the efforts of the General Service Conference continue year-round, the annual meeting held each spring is the culmination of activity throughout the Fellowship, a time when the collective conscience of A.A. in the U.S./Canada emerges to highlight a pathway forward that will help groups and members carry the A.A. message today and in the years to come. And so as the 67th Conference began to recede, those returning members of the 68th began to turn their attention toward the theme of the 2018 Conference: "A.A. — A Solution for All Generations."

■ Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 2017¹

	Groups	Members
United States	61,258	1,276,165
Canada	5,078	86,237
Sub-Total	66,336	1,362,402
Correctional facilities ²	1,413	34,903
Loners, Internationalist, Homers	1	29
Total	67,750	1,397,334
Outside U.S. & Canada ³	50,555	705,850
Grand Total	118,305	2,103,184

1. The General Service Office does not keep membership records. The information shown here is based on reports given by groups listed with G.S.O., and does not represent an actual count of those who consider themselves A.A. members.

2. U.S. and Canada only.

3. We are aware of A.A. activity in approximately 180 countries, including 62 autonomous general service offices in other lands. Annually we attempt to contact those G.S.O.s and groups that request to be listed in our records. Where current data is lacking we use the previous year's figures.

■ 2017 Conference *Advisory Actions* and *Additional Considerations*

Conference Advisory Actions represent recommendations put forward by the standing committees of the General Service Conference that have been discussed, voted on and approved by the Conference body as a whole during general sessions. Additional Committee Considerations reflect items discussed by each committee that have been presented to the full Conference body in the form of each committee's report, but have not been presented for any additional Conference action. They are put forward as a record of the committee's deliberations and/or suggestions for additional consideration.

A number of Advisory Actions from the 2017 General Service Conference, along with some of the additional considerations, appear below in condensed form. A complete list of Advisory Actions will be published in the *Final Conference Report*.

Advisory Actions

Archives — that a draft or progress report of the work in progress, *Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951–1970*, be brought back to the 2018 Conference Committee on Archives for review.

Cooperation with the Professional Community — that text be developed for C.P.C. pamphlets with information for professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services.

Literature — that text about young people's conferences be added to the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."; that "The A.A. Group" pamphlet be revised to include text from the service piece "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare"; and that the trustees' Literature Committee develop language regarding safety for current and new recovery literature, where appropriate.

Policy/Admissions — that the 2018 General Service Conference move ahead with electronic voting; that an anonymity-protected, digital *Final Conference Report* be published in addition to the current print version.

Public Information — that a new video public service announcement be developed; that A.A. World Services, Inc. create a Google for Nonprofits account, with use of the account limited to the YouTube Nonprofit Program.

Treatment and Accessibilities — that the pamphlet "A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs" be retitled "Accessibility for All Alcoholics" and approved with minor editorial changes.

Trustees — that the slate of trustees be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. in April 2017.

Floor Actions — that in the spirit of unity and inclusiveness, the General Service Office strive to provide Conference background materials in English by February 15 and Spanish and French by the first week in March, beginning with the 68th General Service Conference; that

the pamphlet "Too Young?" be revised to reflect more current collective experiences of young alcoholics and their welcome to A.A.; and that A.A. Grapevine create a Google for Nonprofits account, with use of the account limited to the YouTube Nonprofit Program.

Additional Considerations

Agenda — Appreciation was noted for the additional communication and larger role for delegates in the selection of agenda items.

Cooperation with the Professional Community — Continued exploration of establishing a presence on LinkedIn as a tool for C.P.C. efforts was discussed, with the suggestion that all aspects of this social media tool be looked into.

Corrections — Raising awareness of the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) in Canada was discussed as well as carrying the A.A. message to incarcerated Native American/First Nations/Inuit People.

Finance — The committee discussed self-support efforts and materials and made suggestions for improving the Self-Support Packet, the Self-Support Card, the service piece "The A.A. Group Treasurer"; the topic of recurring online contributions was discussed along with the possibility of using an app to further increase carrying the message of recovery and self-support.

Grapevine — It was felt by the committee that all delegates should consider it a part of their responsibility to inform the Fellowship about Grapevine and La Viña as tools of sobriety, either through their own efforts or by recruiting others through email and area websites.

International Conventions/Regional Forum — The committee discussed ways of encouraging interest in Regional Forums to attract first-time attendees.

Literature — The committee offered editorial suggestions for "Young People and A.A.," "A.A. for the Woman," "Finding Acceptance: A.A. for the LGBTQ Alcoholic" (currently "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic"), "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated," and accepted progress reports on "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Services" and a pamphlet-in-progress for alcoholics with mental health issues and those who sponsor them.

Public Information — Ideas on the use of quick response (QR) codes, a video on anonymity and the Internet, and a daily text message, were discussed, along with the development of service materials to address frequently asked questions regarding anonymity online and in social media; it was suggested that research continue on the feasibility of A.A.W.S. using Google AdWords and Google Grants.

Treatment and Accessibilities — The committee discussed ways of incorporating shared experience in carrying the A.A. message to members of the Armed Services.

■ Opening for A.A.W.S. Nontrustee Director

A.A. World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) has started its search to fill a vacancy for one nontrustee director, which will open following the 2018 General Service Conference. Interested A.A. members are encouraged to submit a résumé.

In seeking applications for all vacancies in Alcoholics Anonymous, the Fellowship is committed to creating a large applicant file of qualified persons, which reflects the inclusiveness and diversity of A.A. itself.

Basic qualifications for this position are: a minimum of seven years of continuous sobriety; a sound business or professional background is preferable, but not limited to the following areas — finance, management, publishing, legal, or information technology; the ability to work with others; availability to attend all regular meetings of the A.A.W.S. Board (currently, up to eight per year), three weekend meetings of trustees' committees (to which corporate board directors are appointed), and the Conference, for one week in April.

In addition, directors may be called upon to attend subcommittee or other meetings and to represent A.A.W.S. at Regional Forums or other A.A. functions.

Résumés should be sent to Nancy Davis, secretary (nonalcoholic) of A.A.W.S., Inc., General Service Office, 475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10115 or email to davisn@aa.org, no later than July 7, 2017.

■ Résumés for Trustees Election due January 1, 2018

Two new Class B (alcoholic) trustees, from the Eastern Canada and Pacific regions, will be nominated at the General Service Conference in April 2018. Résumés must be received at G.S.O. no later than January 1, 2018, and must be submitted by U.S./Canada area delegates only. In seeking applications for vacancies in Alcoholics Anonymous, the Fellowship is committed to creating a large file of qualified applicants that reflect the inclusiveness and diversity of A.A. itself. Please submit your candidates' résumés to the secretary, trustees' Committee on Nominating, G.S.O.

The new Eastern Canada regional trustee will fill the position currently held by Richard B., Terrebonne, Québec. The next trustee from the Pacific Region will follow Joel C. of San Diego, California.

A sound A.A. background is a basic qualification for Class B trustees. Ten years of continuous sobriety is desirable but not mandatory. Candidates should be active in both local and area A.A. affairs, and, because trustees serve the entire Fellowship, they require the background and the willingness to make decisions on matters of broad policy that affect A.A. as a whole. Since much is asked of

the trustees with respect to their time, it is important that trustee candidates understand the commitment of time required. Trustees are expected to attend: three quarterly board weekends, with meetings running from Saturday morning through Monday noon; a quarterly meeting combined with the General Service Conference (seven days) in April; and any special meetings of the board. Regional trustees also serve in rotation for attendance at Regional Forums other than in their own regions. In addition, regional trustees are usually asked to serve two years on either the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Corporate Boards, which meet more frequently than the General Service Board.

Trustees serve on committees of the General Service Board and may also serve on trustees' subcommittees or corporate board subcommittees whose work often involves conference calls. They are often invited to participate in regional or area activities, such as service conferences, area assemblies, etc. Trusteeship is for four years. Applicants are encouraged to discuss this time commitment with their family and employer. Trustees are reimbursed for travel, hotel and meal expenses.

■ Opening for A.A. Grapevine Nontrustee Director

A.A. Grapevine's Corporate Board has started its search to fill the vacancy for nontrustee director which will open following the 2018 General Service Conference. Interested A.A. members are encouraged to submit a résumé.

In seeking applications for all vacancies in Alcoholics Anonymous, the Fellowship is committed to creating a large applicant file of qualified persons that reflects the inclusiveness and diversity of A.A. itself. The Board also welcomes applications from candidates who are bilingual in French and English or Spanish and English.

Basic qualifications for this position are: a minimum of seven years of continuous sobriety with a working knowledge of *The A.A. Service Manual*; ability to work with others; experience serving on boards of directors (nonprofit experience is most helpful); knowledge of organizational strategic planning, problem solving and implementation of change; experience with organizational management and finances; and familiarity and experience with publications media, including new communication technologies and methodologies; familiarity with and ties to diverse A.A. communities such as Spanish-speaking or young people.

The time commitment required is significant and includes availability to attend all regular meetings of the A.A. Grapevine Board (currently up to eight per year), three weekend meetings of trustees' committees (to which corporate board directors are appointed), and the Conference, for one week in April. Trustees' committees may also include conference calls between in-person meetings.

In addition, directors may be called upon to attend

subcommittee or other meetings and to represent A.A. Grapevine at Regional Forums or other A.A. functions.

Signed cover letters with résumés or signed résumé sheets should be sent to Janet Bryan, Operations Manager (nonalcoholic), A.A. Grapevine, Inc., 475 Riverside Drive, 11th floor, New York, NY 10115 or email to jbryan@aagrapevine.org by August 1, 2017.

■ Board Selects Michele Grinberg As New Chairperson



Michele Grinberg

Michele Grinberg, former Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee has been selected as the new chairperson of the General Service Board following the 67th General Service Conference in April, replacing Class A chairperson Terry Biedent.

From Charleston, West Virginia, Michele, an attorney who focuses on health care compliance as well as non-profit governance, joined the General Service Board following

the 60th General Service Conference in April 2010. She is a longtime friend of A.A. “There was no alcoholism in my family as I grew up, but when I began practicing law in West Virginia in 1985, there was a significant drinking culture. Over the years I watched people I knew, including some very close to me, descend into alcoholism and then, somewhat mysteriously, recover. This is when I first became aware of Alcoholics Anonymous and the recovery it brought about in people who were seemingly hopeless.”

Michele began studying Bill W.’s writings, including the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts for World Service. She also got to know the tight-knit A.A. recovery community in West Virginia. “I am very grateful to the Area 73 A.A. family who have loved me and supported me — their friendship has been a positive in my life. It was through this circle of friends that my Higher Power came knocking on my door about service in A.A. I was approached by friends in service who encouraged me to apply to be a trustee.”

Of the 21 members on A.A.’s General Service Board, seven are designated as Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees, friends of the Fellowship specifically selected for their professional expertise and the unique skills they bring to the board’s work of carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Additionally, and importantly, A.A.’s seven Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees can do certain things the 14 Class B (alcoholic) trustees cannot do, such as facing the camera head-on or using their last names without violating the Traditions and principles of anonymity that are

designed to keep A.A. members out of the public eye.

For Michele, being a Class A trustee has been “an amazing spiritual and intellectual journey. My reading of A.A. literature — the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, the *A.A. Service Manual* — really brings home the meaning of service, of the shared responsibility of everyone in A.A. — the members, the groups, the Conference delegates, the trustees, the G.S.O. and Grapevine staff — for the health and future of A.A. I have believed in service my whole adult life, whether it’s teaching law students or giving back to my community. And becoming chairperson will be a way to continue to be of service within the wonderful A.A. community.”

In terms of what she would like to see happen during her tenure as chairperson, Michele says: “I hope the board will continue on the path they started a couple of years ago: of thinking strategically about how we are delivering service and assistance to the Fellowship, so that we do it in a way that most effectively helps the Fellowship reach those suffering and dying of this disease, and welcome them through the doors. I also hope we can help those doing C.P.C. work to get accurate information to the professional community. And I am very aware of the need to reach out to young people in recovery, to encourage them to be involved in service. I love their energy, and I hope that mature members are serving as good sponsors to them. The young people are the future of A.A.”

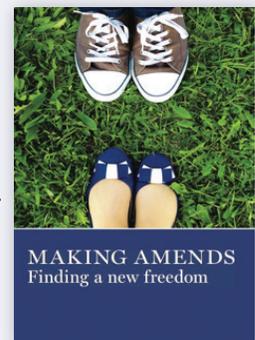
Ultimately, Michele says: “I love the giant heart of the Fellowship. I love the humor — that A.A.’s don’t take themselves too seriously. I am humbled and a bit overwhelmed that I was nominated by the current board. Regardless, I will do my best to be a good and trusted servant to the board, and to the Fellowship as a whole.”

■ New Grapevine Publication

Making Amends: *Finding a new freedom*

In this collection of stories from A.A. Grapevine, members write about their experiences with Step Nine of the A.A. program. The book includes chapters on making amends to parents, children, family members, exes, financial institutions, friends and coworkers. These powerful stories illustrate how practicing Step Nine can help us, as A.A.’s co-founder Bill W. wrote, “know a new freedom and a new happiness.”

To order this book or any other Grapevine product, go to AAGrapevine.org and click on Store or call (800) 631-6025 U.S./Canada, (818) 487-2091 International or by fax at (818) 487-4550. (GV36) \$11.50, \$10.99 for five or more copies.



The Budget Highlights

2017 G.S.O. Budget

These budget highlights describe the “OPERATIONS” of the General Service Office — A.A. World Services (the Publishing operation), the General Fund (Service activities) and the Grapevine Operations. It excludes any activities reported separately in the Reserve Fund, Convention Fund, Post Retirement Fund or the Capital Projects Fund.

Income: The 2017 budget projects literature gross sales of \$13,750,000. When approving the 2017 budget, the A.A.W.S. Board continued to focus diligently on revenue and expense assumptions and how they ultimately affect the long-term fiscal health of the General Service Board and its Reserve Fund.

Manufacturing, shipping and warehousing costs are budgeted slightly higher than the 2016 results taking into consideration inflationary increases and the expected increment in unit sales.

After subtracting manufacturing and shipping and warehousing costs, gross profit is budgeted at \$8,810,550, or 65.2%. The 65.2% gross profit percentage anticipated for 2017 compares with 67.8% realized for 2016 and 66.9% budgeted for 2016.

It should be recognized that as we continue to strive to have literature available throughout our Service Structure in Spanish and French, as well as English, lower print runs in non-English languages usually results in higher production costs. We strive to have the same selling prices regardless of the manufacturing cost; therefore lower gross profit margins for low volume items will affect the overall gross profit percentages in the future.

The table below reflects the Gross Profit Percentages from 2012 through the 2017 budget.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 Budget
63.7%	64.3%	58.6%	65.4%	67.8%	65.2%

Prudence dictates that ongoing reviews are necessary to control costs and reinforce the revenue stream to provide sufficient funds to continue providing services. Trusted servants continue to evaluate costs of operations as well as assess the services provided.

Contributions: Seventh Tradition self-support contributions for 2017 are budgeted at \$7,675,000, which is just slightly higher than the 2016 budget.

During 2016, contributions from groups and individuals (as distinguished from those received for the World Service Meeting literature efforts) of \$7,871,984 were \$816,984 greater than budget and \$762,646 greater than 2015. Contributions received from World Service Meeting countries toward the World Service Meeting International Literature efforts amounted to \$62,885. Total contributions including WSM efforts were just over \$7,934,869.

The percentage of the A.A. groups that choose to list with the General Service Office that have participated in the Seventh Tradition by contributing to the General Service Office was 41.5% in 2016. For the last ten years it has been in a relatively stable range (between 40% and 45%).

Total Operating Revenue for 2017 is anticipated at \$16,485,950, a decrease of approximately \$400,000 compared to 2016 actual.

Total Operating Expenses for 2017 have been budgeted at \$16,088,152, approximately \$660,932 greater than 2016 expenses and \$46,323 less than the 2016 budget.

The 2017 G.S.O. budget anticipates an excess of revenue over expenses of \$397,798.

It should be remembered that generally the Reserve Fund is funded by literature profits. This anticipated profit for 2017 compares with a profit of \$1,453,220 for 2016; \$205,625 for 2015; \$1,376,656 for 2014; \$31,554 for 2013; \$152,448 for 2012; \$819,132 for 2011; \$1,255,289 for 2010; \$1,273,500 for 2009; and a loss of \$275,000 for 2008.

2017 Grapevine Budget

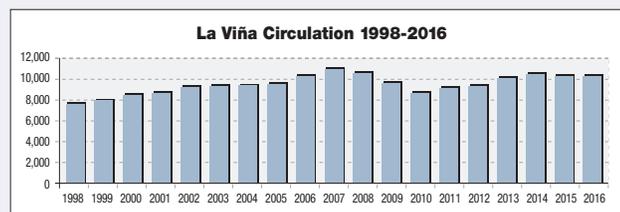
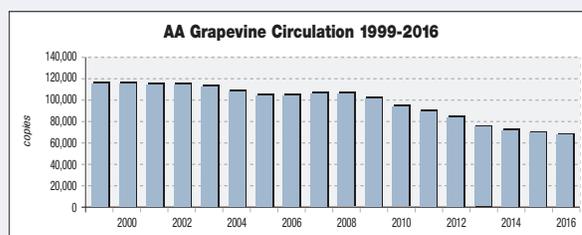
The 2017 Grapevine Budget calls for an average circulation for the print magazine of 68,592. This anticipates 1,777 fewer copies than the 2016 budget and approximately 3,219 copies fewer than the 2016 average paid print circulation of 71,811. The 2017 budget calls for approximately 5,251 GV online subscriptions, which compares with the 2016 budget of 5,097 and the 5,030 actually achieved. Print magazine circulation for the last 18 years is depicted in the accompanying chart.

Income: Magazine income of \$2,012,507 is expected approximately \$91,702 less than 2016 actual. Other Publishing Income from books, cassette tapes, and miscellaneous items is budgeted at \$689,321, approximately \$2,792 less than 2016.

Total Gross Profit: Combining the magazine and other publishing items, a gross profit of \$1,799,506 is budgeted for 2017. This compares with \$1,884,674 achieved for 2016 and the 2016 budget of \$1,717,182.

Total Operating Expenses: Total Operating Expenses for 2017 are budgeted at \$1,928,565, which is \$172,860 greater than the 2016 expenses of \$1,755,705, and \$60,618 more than the 2016 budget.

Net Income (loss): For 2017, the Grapevine anticipates a net loss of \$113,960. This compares with a 2016 budgeted loss of \$146,064 and an actual profit from operations of \$144,069.



that any ongoing shortfall between revenues and operating expenses be funded by the General Service Board General Fund, instead of continuing to draw funds directly from the Reserve Fund.

For 2017, La Viña expects a gross profit on the magazine of \$46,645, compared with \$52,741 achieved in 2016. Circulation for 2017 is estimated to decline to 9,579. Other Publishing Income is estimated at \$27,629, which after deducting cost of product of \$9,029 expects to contribute \$18,600 to revenue. Total costs and expenses are estimated at \$233,060 for 2017, approximately \$6,100 greater than 2016 and \$3,300 more than the 2016 budget. The 2017 budget projects a shortfall of expense over revenue of \$167,816, to be funded by the General Service Board General Fund. The anticipated 2017 shortfall is \$15,734 greater than the 2016 shortfall of \$152,082. As noted above these shortfalls for this service activity is funded by the General Service Board General Fund. Net shortfall since inception (1995) to date is approximately \$2,099,130.

The accompanying chart reflects La Viña magazine circulation.

2017 La Viña Budget

Following the 1995 General Service Conference Advisory Action #7, the publication of the Grapevine magazine in Spanish was approved by both the Grapevine Board and the trustees' Finance Committee of the General Service Board. Recognizing this publication as a new venture, both boards were to review the financial impact on the Fellowship and the progress in circulation growth and to continue to monitor the viability of this new venture. In 2001, the General Service Board recommended, and the 2001 Conference approved, that the La Viña magazine continues to be published by the Grapevine and

Calendar of Events

Events listed here are presented solely as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the General Service Office. For any additional information, please use the addresses provided. **Please note that we cannot attest to the accuracy, relevancy, timeliness, or completeness of information provided by any linked site.**

June

- 1-4—*Lahaina, Hawaii*. MauiFest Internat'l Conv. Write: Ch., Box 893, Kihei, HI 96753; www.mauifest.org
- 2-4—*Tillman's Corner, Alabama*. 36th Azalea City Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 2005, Mobile, AL 36609; www.mobileaa.org
- 2-4—*Bozrah, Connecticut*. Soberfest. Write: Ch., Box 112 E. Main St., Meriden, CT 06450; soberfest@ct-aa.org
- 2-4—*Lincolnton, Maine*. Tanglewood Big Book Wknd. Write: Ch., 2453 Atlantic Hwy, Lincolnton, ME 04849; tanglewoodbigbookweekend@gmail.com
- 2-4—*Columbus, Nebraska*. Area 41 Conf. Write: Box 403, Columbus, NE 68602; 2017reunion@aadistrict24.org
- 2-4—*Ruidoso, New Mexico*. Area 46 State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 46, Tularosa, NM 88352; www.2017area46convention.com
- 2-4—*Mars, Pennsylvania*. Northeast Reg. Forum. Write: Forum Coord., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163; Regionalforums@aa.org
- 2-4—*Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada*. River City Summer Conf. Write: 1856 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, MB, Canada R3J-0G9; rivercitysummerconference.com
- 9-10—*Taipei, Taiwan*. 2nd Lighthouse Taiwan Roundup. Write: Ch., No. 248, 7F Zhongshan N. Rd., Sec.6, Taipei, Taiwan; <http://www.aataiwan.com/lighthouse-group/>
- 9-11—*Tallahassee, Florida*. Founders' Day Florida Style. Write: Ch., Box 38034, Tallahassee, FL 32315-8034; www.foundersdayflorida.org
- 9-11—*Springfield, Missouri*. Heart of the Ozarks Roundup. Info: aacentralofficeofswmo.org
- 9-11—*Akron, Ohio*. 82nd Original Founders' Day. Write: Ch., 302 Buchtel Common, Akron, OH 44325; foundersdayregistration.akronaa.org
- 9-11—*Kenton, Oklahoma*. Camp Billy Joe Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 944, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240
- 9-11—*Olympia, Washington*. Capitol Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 7205, Olympia, WA 98507; capitoljamboree.org

- 9-11—*Notre-Dame-du-Nord, Québec, Canada*. Congrès du 90-06. Info: district06-adj@aa90.org
- 16-17—*Joliette, Québec, Canada*. 41e Congrès de Joliette et de Lanaudière Nord. Écrire: Prés., C.P. 81, Joliette, QC J6E 3Z3; congres0326@aa90.org
- 16-18—*Glenmoore, Pennsylvania*. Big Book Step Weekend. Write: Ch., 3637 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; lollapaloozaofaa.org
- 23-24—*Peterborough, Ontario, Canada*. 56th Kawartha Dist. Conf. Write: Ch., 625 Cameron St., Peterborough, ON K9J 3Z9; district86aa@gmail.com
- 23-25—*Lancaster, California*. Antelope Valley Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 8574, Lancaster, CA 93539
- 23-25—*Iowa City, Iowa*. IYPAA Conf. Write: Ch., 308 Burlington St. #403, Iowa City, IA 52240; www.iaypaa.org
- 23-25—*McLeod, Montana*. Beartooth Mtn Conf. Write: Box 23406, Billings, MT 59104; www.beartoothmountainconference.com
- 30-2—*Lincoln, Nebraska*. NCYPAA IV. Info: www.ncypaa.org
- 30-2—*Eugene, Oregon*. Summerfest. Write: Ch., Box 11824, Eugene, OR 97401; www.aa-summerfest.org

July

- 7-8—*Rivière-du-loup, Québec, Canada*. 42e Congrès de Dist.88-05. Renseignements: www.aa-quebec.org/region88
- 7-9—*Tehachapi, California*. 16th Tehachapi Mtn Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 800, Tehachapi, CA 93581; www.tehachapiroundup.org
- 7-9—*Morgantown, West Virginia*. Area 73 Conv. Info: aawv.org

- 13-16—*Raleigh, North Carolina*. 70th NC State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 41451, Raleigh, NC 27629; www.aanconvention.com
- 13-16—*Lubbock, Texas*. 43rd Lubbock Caprock Conv. Write: Ch., Box 6511, Lubbock, TX 79493; caprockconvention@att.net
- 14-16—*Soldotna, Alaska*. 43rd Wilderness Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 1625, Kenai, AK 99611; www.aakenaipeninsula.org
- 14-16—*Omaha, Nebraska*. XI Conv. Hispana de NE. Para Info: Com. Org., 2314 N Street, Omaha, NE 68107
- 21-23—*Mountlake Terrace, Washington*. Foro Local. Para Info: Com. Org., 5507 6th Ave S., Seattle, WA 98108; www.forolocal.org
- 28-30—*Columbus, Ohio*. OH State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 2131, Columbus, OH 43216; stateconvention@area53aa.org

August

- 4-6—*Lakeshore, California*. Common Solution Roundup. Write: Ch., 5328 E. Turner Ave, Fresno, CA 93727; csroundup.org
- 4-6—*Jefferson City, Missouri*. MO State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 15060, Kansas City, MO 64106; www.mostateconvention.org
- 4-6—*Rochester, New York*. NY Informational Workshop. Write: Ch., Box 15612, Rochester, NY 14615; aacny.org
- 4-6—*Harrisburg, Pennsylvania*. PA State Conv. Write: Ch., 710 S. Second St., Steelton, PA 17113; www.aapastateconvention.com
- 4-6—*Mont-Laurier, Québec, Canada*. Congrès Dist. 90-20. Écrire: Prés., 700 Rue Parent, Mont-Laurier, QC J9L 2J8; aa-quebec.org
- 4-6—*Helsinki, Finland*. European Conv. of YPAA. Info: www.eurypaa2017.org
- 11-12—*Granby, Québec, Canada*. 39e Congrès du Dist. 87-21. Renseignements: district21@aa87.org

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Contact person: _____ NAME _____ PHONE # AND EMAIL _____

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11-13—*Phoenix, Arizona*. Salt River Intergroup Summer Roundup. Write: Ch., 3215 E. Thunderbird Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85032; www.sriroundup.org

11-13—*Rosemont, Illinois*. IL State Conv. Write: Ch., 180 N Wabash Ave., Suite 305 Chicago, IL 60601; www.chicagoaa.org

11-13—*New Orleans, Louisiana*. New Orleans Roundup. Write: Ch., 1818-A Franklin Ave. New Orleans, LA, 70117; www.nolaroundup.com

11-13—*Joplin, Missouri*. 30th Summer Hummer. Write: Ch., Box 2364, Joplin, MO 64803; www.district12-wamo-aa.org

11-13—*Portland, Oregon*. Columbia River Roundup. Write: Ch., 25 NW 23rd Pl. Ste 6-426, Portland, OR 97210; www.columbiariverroundup.com

11-13—*Austin, Texas*. Capital of TX Conf. Write: Ch., Box 4946, Austin, TX 78765; www.capitaloftexasconference.org

12-13—*Indianapolis, Indiana*. Conv. Hispana de Indiana. Inf. Com. Org., 6214 Morenci Trail, Ste. 130, Indianapolis, IN 46268

12-13—*Ottawa, Ontario, Canada*. 44 ième Congrès d'Hull-Ottawa-Aylmer. Ecrire: 115 rue Sacré-cœur, Gatineau, QC Canada J8X 1C5; congres9005@gmail.com

17-20—*Chicago, Illinois*. ICYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 22987, Denver, CO 80222; 59th.icypaa.org

18-20—*Concord, California*. Unity and Service Conf. Info: www.unityandserviceconference.org

18-20—*Rogers, Ohio*. Beaver Creek Getaway Wknd. Write: Ch., Box 5174 East Liverpool, OH 43920; beavercreekgetawayweekend.com

25-27—*Suffolk, Virginia*. VAC Conv. Write: Ch., Box 3766, Portsmouth, VA 23701-0766; www.2017vacconvention.org

25-27—*Reunion Flat, Wyoming*. 16th Teton Canyon Campout. Write: Ch., Box 2905, La Grande, OR 97850; tetoncanyoncampout@gmail.com

September

1-3—*Monterey, California*. Monterey Bay Area Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 51777, Pacific Grove, CA 93950; montereybayarearoundup.org

1-3—*Loveland, Colorado*. CO State Conv. Write: Box 452, Golden, CO 80402; www.convention.coloradoaa.org

1-3—*Saint Louis, Missouri*. 34th Annual Fall Classic Conf. Write: Ch., Box 16872, Clayton, MO 63105; fall-classic.com

1-3—*Ayacuco, Peru*. VI Conv. Nacional. Write: Jr. Quinua N° 469 – 2do. Piso, Ayacuco, Peru 05000; convencionnacionalaaperu2017@gmail.com

8-9—*Bishop, Texas*. SWTA 68 PI/CPC Conf. Write: Ch. P.O. Box 1945, Bastrop, TX 78602; picpc@district29aa.org

8-10—*Minot, North Dakota*. ND State Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 182, Minot, ND 58702

8-10—*Bloomington, Minnesota*. Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend. Write: Ch., 3800 American Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55425; www.btgww.org

8-10—*Sioux Falls, South Dakota*. West Central Reg. Forum. Write: Forum Coord., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163; Regionalforums@aa.org

8-10—*Houston, Texas*. Area 67 Correctional Facilities Conf. Write: Ch., Box 925241, Houston, TX 77292-5241; cfc@aa-seta.org

8-10—*Dunnville, Ontario, Canada*. 51st Annual Dunnville A.A. Conv. & Campout. Write: Ch., Box 76, Smithville, ON L0R 2A0; dunnvilleconvention2017@outlook.com

8-10—*Last Mountain Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Women to Women Conf. Write: Ch., Box 210., Christopher Lake, SK S0J 0N0

15-16—*Sainte-Ursule, Quebec, Canada*. 37 ième Congrès. Write: Ch., 215 Lessard, Ste-Ursule, QC J0K 3M0; <http://www.aa-quebec.org/region89>

15-17—*Ft. Walton Beach, Florida*. Area 1 AL/NW FL Conv. Info: www.aaarea1.org

15-17—*Eau Claire, Wisconsin*. Area 74 Fall Conf. Write: Ch., Box 1824, Eau Claire, WI 54702; www.2017fallconference@gmail.com

22-23—*Hamilton, Ontario, Canada*. Autumn Leaf Roundup. Write: Ch., 627 Main St. East Ste 205, Hamilton, ON L8M 1J5; aahamilton.org

22-24—*Sioux City, Iowa*. Sioux City Tri-State Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1823., Sioux City, IA 51102

22-24—*Somerset, New Jersey*. 61st Area 44 Conv. Write: Ch., 2325 Plainfield Ave. South Plainfield, NJ 07080; njaa.org

22-24—*Harrisonburg, Virginia*. Shenandoah Valley Roundup. Write: Ch., 118C Pennie Layne, Bridgewater, VA 22812; shenandoahvalleyroundup@comcast.net

22-24—*Wenatchee, Washington*. Wenatchee Valley Roundup. Write: Ch., 4135 W. Eagle Rock Pl., Wenatchee, WA 98801; www.wenatcheevalleyroundup.org

22-24—*Weirton, West Virginia*. Area 73 Fall Assembly. Info: www.aawv.org

28-1—*Honolulu, Hawaii*. 56th Annual Hawaii Conv. Write: Ch., Box 23434, Honolulu, HI 96823; www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com

29-1—*Prescott, Arizona*. 67th AZ State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 27804, Prescott Valley, AZ 86312; conventionchair@area03.org

29-1—*Crescent City, California*. Sobriety by the Sea Conf. Write: Ch., Box 871, Crescent City, CA 95531; www.sobrietybythesea.com

29-1—*Santa Maria, California*. Central Coast Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1892, Santa Maria, CA 93456; www.centralcoastroundup.org

30-1—*San Diego, California*. Woman to Woman SD Conf. Write: Ch., 24262 Punta Alta, Laguna Hills, CA 92637; www.womantowomansandiego.com

October

6-8—*Shelton, Washington*. Area 72 Assembly. Info: assembly-chair@aadistrict8.org

13-15—*Sioux, Iowa*. Area 24 Fall Conf. Write: Ch., 5006 Sergeant Rd #334, Sioux City, IA 51106; angavery@live.com

13-15—*Chamberlin, South Dakota*. Area 63 Fall Conf. Write: Ch., Box 533, Platte, SD 57369

13-15—*Biarritz, France*. 1st Annual Internat'l English Speaking Conv. Info: aaconventionbiarritz.com

13-15—*Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines*. 22nd Angeles City Fall Roundup. Write: Ch., PSC 517 Box RC, FPO, AP 96517; roundupangelescity.blogspot.com

18-22—*Tossa de Mar, Catalonia, Spain*. Costa Brava Internat'l English Speaking Conv. Info: www.costabravaconvention.com

20-22—*San Antonio, TX*. Southwest Reg. Forum. Write: Forum Coord., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163; Regionalforums@aa.org

27-29—*Houston, Texas*. TXSCYPAA 37. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 10228, Houston, TX 77206; www.txscypaahouston.org

27-29—*Green Lake, Wisconsin*. Area 75 Conf. Write: Ch., Box 307, Rio, WI 53960; www.area75.org

27-29—*San Antonio de Pormany, Islas Baleares, Spain*. VII Convivencias Area 14. Write Ch., Mercado clot mares, 3 planta, San Antonio de Portmany, Baleares, Spain 07820; www.convivenciasarea14@hotmail.es

November

3-5—*Fort Smith, Arkansas*. Border City Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 5800, Ft. Smith, AR 72902

3-5—*Branson, Missouri*. Colors of Fall. Write: Ch., 527 E. Catalpa, Springfield, MO 65807; registration@wamo-aa.org

3-5—*Cheektowaga, New York*. Buffalo Fall Conv. Write: Ch., 681 Seneca St., Buffalo, NY 14210; www.buffalofallconvention@gmail.com

10-12—*Atlanta, Georgia*. 4th Southern States Svc Assembly. Write: Ch., Box 831, Satsuma, AL 36572; www.aaarea1.org

10-12—*St. Louis, Missouri*. Nat'l Corrections Conf. Write: Box 510355, St. Louis, MO 63151; nationalcorrectionsconference.org

10-12—*Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia*. XXIII Convención Nacional de Bolivia. Para Inf.: Com. Org., Calle Vallegrande Nro 562, Santa Cruz de la Sierra; convencionnacional2017bolivia@gmail.com

17-19—*Springfield, IL*. East Central Reg. Forum. Write: Forum Coord., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163; Regionalforums@aa.org